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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 29, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FAULKNER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7369.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill to restore the pension of Jane M. McCrabb, have examined the same and report:

We adopt the report submitted in this case by the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, and recommend the passage of the bill.

The House report is as follows:

Mrs. Jane M. McCrabb, as the widow of Capt. John W. McCrabb, deceased, late a captain in the U. S. Army, received a pension of \$25 per month until the passage by Congress of a law in 1868, the provisions of which were construed by the Secretary of the Interior to require him to reduce said pension to \$20 per month, which has been the amount received by Mrs. McCrabb since that time.

The widows of officers of the Navy were included within the provisions of the aforesaid law, but Congress restored their pensions by the act of June 9, 1880, entitled "An act to restore pensions in certain cases," and the object of this bill is to include Mrs. McCrabb within the provisions of said act.

Capt. John W. McCrabb was appointed to West Point from Tennessee in 1829, graduated in 1833, and reported for duty as brevet second lieutenant of Fourth Infantry, U. S. Army, then in Louisiana. From there he was detailed for topographical duty, on which he served until the early fall of 1835, when he joined his regiment and participated in active service against the hostile Creeks on the Georgia and Alabama line, where he rendered gallant service.

In winter of 1837 he was appointed captain in the Quartermaster's Department U. S. Army, and reported for duty to General Jessup, then commanding troops in Florida in the war against the Seminole Indians, and subsequently to General Zachary Taylor, who succeeded General Jessup.

Here Captain McCrabb discharged the responsible duties of his position with zeal and fidelity until November 6, 1839, when he died in St. Augustine, Fla., of the yellow fever, then prevailing in Florida.

The widow of Captain McCrabb, Mrs. Jane M. McCrabb, has now attained a ripe old age, and seriously needs the assistance asked for by this legislation.

After a review of the facts the committee report the bill back and recommend its passage.